

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A computer program product having a computer readable medium with a printer operation guide program for enabling a computer to perform the steps comprising:

monitoring a status information ~~sent from a printer~~when a cartridge for printing is installed on the printer or the cartridge is replaced with another cartridge, the status information sent from the printer, where the printer is equipped with a sensor to detect that the cartridge has been attached;

determining whether ~~or not~~the cartridge for printing has been attached to the printer;
and

enabling a button for advancing process to be clicked by a user if it is determined that the cartridge has been attached to the printer,

whereby, the computer program product enables a step-by-step process, rather than automatically proceeding to a step without requiring the user's operation.

9. (previously presented): The computer program product according to the claim 4~~8~~, wherein if it is determined that there is some error in the attachment of the cartridge, the button for advancing process is not enabled to be clicked and then, an image to advise the user to check the attachment of the cartridge is displayed.

10. (previously presented): The computer program product according to the claim 2~~9~~, wherein a predetermined time-out period is set, and the image to advise the user to check the attachment of the cartridge is displayed after the time-out has occurred.

Claim 11 (canceled)

12. (currently amended): A printer operation guide method comprising:
monitoring a status information ~~sent from a printer~~when a cartridge for printing is installed on a printer or the cartridge is replaced with another cartridge, the status information sent from the printer, where the printer is equipped with a sensor to detect that the cartridge has been attached;
determining whether ~~or not the~~ cartridge for printing has been attached to the printer;
and

enabling to receive an instruction from a user to advance process if it is determined that
the cartridge has been attached to the printer,

whereby, the printer operation guide method enables a step-by step process, rather than
automatically proceeding to a step without requiring the user's operation.

13. (currently amended): A printer operation guide apparatus comprising:

a monitor which monitors a status information ~~sent from a printer~~when a cartridge for
printing is installed on the printer or the cartridge is replaced with another cartridge, the status
information sent from the printer, where the printer is equipped with a sensor to detect that the
cartridge has been attached;

a determiner which determines whether ~~or not a~~the cartridge for printing has been
attached to the printer; and

an instruction receiver ~~which enables~~enabled to receive an instruction from a user to
advance process if it is determined that the cartridge has been attached to the printer,

whereby, the printer operation guide apparatus enables a step-by-step process, rather than
automatically proceeding to a step without requiring a user's operation.